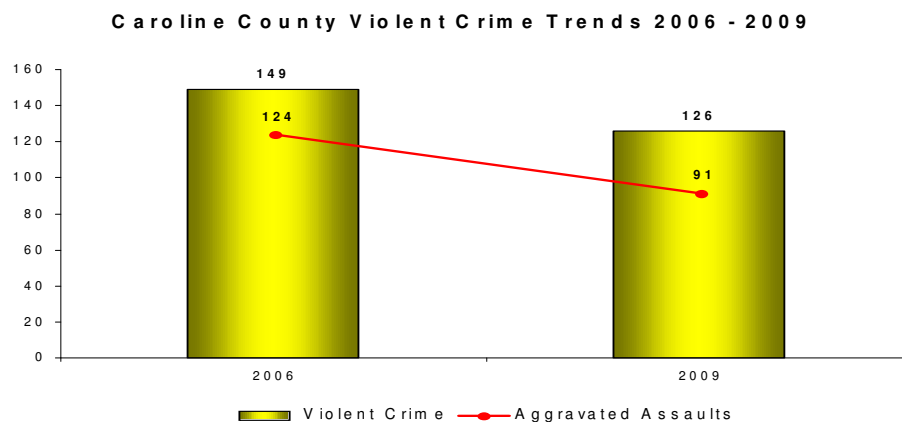


## Caroline County

### *Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland*

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Caroline County has seen a significant 15.4% reduction in violent crime. In addition, there has been a significant reduction in aggravated assault (-26.6%) over the same 3 year period.



### **CAROLINE COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Caroline County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided \$638,180 in grant funding to Caroline County from 2007-2009 to prevent and control crime. As a result, Caroline County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Drug Task Force** - Caroline County's Drug Task Force has worked diligently in recent years to stem the flow of heroin into the area and will soon reach its goal of 1,000 drug arrests over a 10-year period. Funded by the state and the county, the task force is made up of members of the Maryland State Police, Caroline County Sheriff's Office, and various municipal police departments who all work together to combat drug use and related activities. The task force made 100 arrests last year and executed 37 search and seizure warrants. With 79 arrests already made this year, the task force has reached its 1,000-arrest goal since the year 2000. The amount of heroin seized last year in Caroline County was the third highest in the state compared to the other counties with a similar type of localized drug enforcement agency.

### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Gang Reduction Initiative
- Community Policing
- E-Citation
- Sentencing Alternatives
- Youth Violence Prevention
- Victim Services
- Child Advocacy and Training
- Sex Offender Compliance Monitoring
- Drug Task Force

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#### CAROLINE COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

- **Sex Offender Monitoring** - The Caroline County Sheriff's Department Monitoring Support Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program supports assigned deputies that track and monitor the whereabouts of each offender on a routine basis so that swift enforcement actions can be taken against offenders who fail to follow the rules and conditions of the registry.
- **E-Citation Initiative** - The Caroline County Sheriff's Office's E-Citation and CapWIN Initiative eliminates the need for paper citations/witness forms and facilitates data interoperability for first responders across jurisdictional boundaries. The E-Citation Initiative allows officers to issue electronic traffic citations and submit them to the District Court of Maryland in an electronic format. CapWIN (Capital Wireless Information Network) is a mobile tool that provides remote access to State criminal justice databases and helps officers in the field to establish the identity/background of individuals.
- **Alternative Sentencing** - The Caroline County Alternative Sentencing program provides alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organizations' labor needs. The staff coordinates work assignments and supervises non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial diversion or a post trial sanction. The program serves the needs of the criminal justice system, the defendant, and the community concurrently.



*"Caroline County is a perfect example of how cooperation can reduce crime. Law enforcement agencies at the state, county, and local levels have all worked together, sharing information and expertise to help reduce violent crime in the county. The professionalism and dedication of law enforcement throughout Caroline County has made it a place where residents can feel safe and secure."*

Governor Martin O'Malley